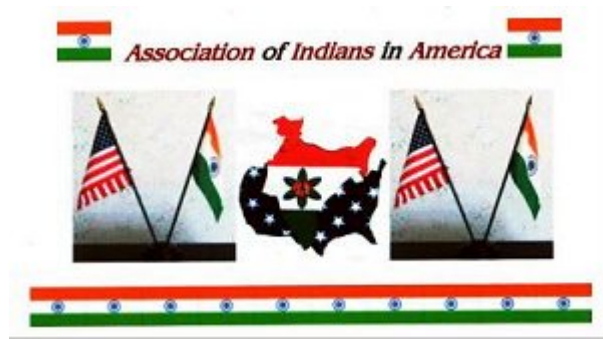




AIA OF MADISON



“INDIANS NETWORK”- NEWSLETTER

JAN – MARCH, 2011

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PRESIDENT’S NOTE - PROPOSALS

Dear AIA Members,

“I’m honored to serve the community as the 2011 President of the Association of Indians in America- Madison, WI. Thank you very much for putting your trust in me. The previous presidents and their boards have done great work, and I assure you that with my energetic and dedicated board we will strengthen the community, promote our Indian cultural values and pass them on to the next generation. Together we can do it”.

During 2010 I was also involved in most AIA functions as president elect. It was a great learning experience for me. With your support and help we need to make all the events of 2011 both entertaining and enjoyable for the Indian community.

During the year, I am planning to implement some new ventures. In a community like ours, a single person’s effort can do very little without the help of a group of dedicated volunteers. Therefore I am requesting that not only board members but also all the general members and community volunteers help in whatever way they can to make this year memorable for all.

I also believe in that good advanced planning is vital to the success of any event or activity. Therefore in our first few board meetings I presented the dates and venues of all our annual events which are listed below. If you can volunteer in all of our events this year it would be wonderful. Even if you cannot, I sincerely look forward to your help at whatever events and in whatever capacity you are able. All help is always appreciated.

One other area I think would be important to emphasize is the involvement of our youth. Therefore, I have already formed the youth committee that they will be assigned some duties at each event. I am hopeful that with all of your help and support 2011 will be memorable for all of us.

Kamlesh Saini
President
AIA of Madison

AIA Held its 2011 General Body Meeting

The Association of Indians in America (AIA) held its annual general body meeting on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at the Best Western West Town in Madison. The owner of the Hotel, Randeep Talwar donated this facility for the AIA meeting. It was nice of Mr. Talwar to donate this facility. The AIA president extended sincere thanks and gratitude for his generous offering. There were about 50 AIA members present in the meeting.



Outgoing president Badri Lankella welcomed all of the general members to the meeting. He explained that the progress made in 2010 was very satisfying. He said, in the beginning of his presidency he had outlines goals such as selling season tickets, providing online ticket sales, acquiring an insurance policy for our events, and improving the AIA website. He proudly reported that all of those goals had been fulfilled with satisfying results.

Besides those special talks there were also several annual functions; the mother's day/graduation banquet, summer picnic, India day and diwali programs. All of those functions were a great success. In particular, the Diwali program was particularly successful with a record 700 people attending the historical event.



Finally he thanked the 2010 board members and all the people supporting him in various events to make 2010 an enjoyable and highly successful year for the organization. He welcomed the new president for 2011, Kamlesh Saini and asked her to invite all board members for a swearing in ceremony. Mr. Lankella gave the oath of office to the 2011 president Kamlesh Saini and her executive committee and functional sub-committee members. Newly elected president Mrs. Saini highlighted her plan of action for 2011 to take AIA in different level.

Maintain & modernize the website
Need for a change in the By-laws
Preservation & improvement of AIA assets
Increase membership
Update the member's directory
Promote involvement of youth
Encourage cooperation & interaction with other Indian associations
Enhance sponsorship

She assured her commitment and that she was looking forward to working with the new board, volunteers, and the community in successfully achieving these goals.

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Committees

Event Committee: Aruna R., Badri L., Gopal K., Lalitha B. Randeep T., Dr Bala., & Vijay S
Food Committee: Aruna R., Amit M., Randeep T., Gopal K.
Cultural Committee: Anupama G., Sowmya P., Anur Jhansi P., Nitin S., Vijay S.
Finance Committee: Parma V., Pattabi D.
Youth Committee: Nitin S., Navdeep B., Nitu K., Nive P. Hitesh M., Harpreet G. Bhupinder M
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primarily for buying insurance and the shortage of sponsorship for the events.

During the program AIA members, Aruna Rajgopal, Rita Singh, Swaminathan Balachandran, Manju Agrawal, Barbara, Charanjeet Sekhon and Sushil Bansal spoke and suggested various ways AIA can be made a community oriented organization.

President Kamlesh Saini thanked all the speakers and the attendees of the various associations for their time and participation. Sushil Bansal's suggestions were appreciated, as he made special arrangements to attend the meeting. A special thank was given to Amrit Sekhon for bringing a gorgeous bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Punjabi Association.



A beautiful gift of appreciation was presented to the outgoing president of 2010 for his dedication and contributions.

There was a question/answer session open to the members. Most of the questions were revolved around the By-laws which is unclear whether the AIA is an affiliate of the national organization or an independent association. General body realized that it was necessary to clarify this uncertainty and revise the By-laws if necessary in the future.

At the end, Kamlesh Saini reminded the group about upcoming Mother's Day/Graduation Banquet and the availability of season tickets. Membership, sponsorships and volunteering are highly encouraged as they promote better presentation of the event.



The 2010 Treasurer, Shashank Partha presented the financial report. He indicated that the total income during the year was \$11,219 and the total expense was \$12,419 leaving a shortfall of \$1,200. This is



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2011 MEMBERSHIP FORM

__Individual (\$10) __Annual (\$20/Family) __Life Membership (\$300 - Individual/ Family)

Check # _____ Cash _____ **MEMBER NUMBER: - - - - -**

Please Print:

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Spouse: Last Name _____ First Name _____

Children's Names _____

Address _____

E-Mail Address _____ Telephone _____

SEASON TICKET DETAILS						
ADULT		KIDS		Ticket Totals	MEM DUES	Payment Totals
	x \$ 22=		X \$ 12=		\$ 20 or \$10	

ADULTS (Name and Serial #)		KIDS (Name and Serial #)	
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	
6		6	

Sponsor Mother's Day/Grad Banquet

\$100+ ----- \$300+----- \$500+----- \$1000+----- \$2000 +----- Other \$-----

All sponsors will be given recognition at the event and all donations are tax deductible

Make all checks payable to AIA – Madison (Membership Forms are available at www.aiamadison.com)

Mail your totals to : AIA-Madison, P.O. Box 45532, Madison, WI 53744-5532

Enjoy AIA's Colorful Events For 2011!

Mark Your Calendar!!!

1. Mother's Day/Grad Banquet – June 4 4-9pm - Verona High School	3. Independence Day - Aug. 20 10-3pm - Capitol Square -Madison
2. Community Picnic - July 16 3:30-8pm - Lakeview Park, Middleton	4. Diwali (Festival of Lights) - Oct. 22 4-8:30pm - Middleton High School (Fireworks location will be announced later)

Non- Members - Event Tickets: \$ 18 (Adult) \$ 12 (Kids) for one event only.

Be a member & Save \$\$\$\$!!!!!!
events

Season Tickets (covers all the

Only \$22 for Adults & \$12 for Kids!

Available to Members Only

Membership fee: Individual - \$10 Family - \$20, Life - \$300

Membership forms available at India House, Bombay Bazaar, Mandir of Madison, AHA (Temple), online at www.aiamadison.com

Drop off your M form along with **Total Amount** for (M Fee and tickets required) at any of the locations listed above or Mail to: AIA- Madison, P.O. Box 45532 Madison, WI 53744-5532 & we will send you the tickets.

For Season Tickets: Contact any of the members listed on the website aiamadison.com

Questions? Contact: Kamlesh Saini (President) k.s_11@yahoo.com

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The 2011 highway cleaning schedule has been out. The AIA of Madison has adopted 1.5 miles of 14W from CTH MM (Oregon, WI) to the Byrne Road Bridge to keep it clean throughout the year. Dr. Swaminathan and Lalitha Balachandran coordinated this program for the last 8 years. It has been the tradition that volunteers gather in Dr. Balachandran's house and have breakfast and proceed for the cleanup works. The work takes about an hour and a number of garbage bags full of traces are collected on the road side and the city crew picks up after the clean up work is done.

Every year, 40 to 50 volunteers clean the assigned areas 3 times a year, spring, summer, and fall. The highway section to be cleaned starts from the sign and ends at the "Optimist Club" sign. Only the right-hand-side of that section has to be cleaned and the left side is cleaned by other organizations

The first cleaning activity is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2011. If it rains on that day, the activity will be rescheduled on 5/29/2011. Mrs. Usha Shankar is helping Dr. Bala with this activity and she has identified enough volunteers for completing this activity on 5/15/2011. The second cleaning activity will be on July 24 or 31, 2011. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Dr. Bala at balachas@uwplatt.edu or 608-848-6780.

**PLEASE JOIN AIA
AND
BRING COMMUNITY TOGETHER**

[For your service please contact AIA of Madison](#)

Kamlesh Saini

President

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WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN AIA (ASSOCIATION OF INDIANS IN AMERICA, WI CHAPTER)?

YOU'LL

- ❖ COME TO KNOW YOUR OWN FELLOW COUNTRYMEN/WOMEN
- ❖ BE IN THE MIDST OF ALL INDIANS UNDER ONE ROOF

WHAT BENEFITS AWAIT YOU?

- ✓ DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO THE MEMBERS AND FREE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
- ✓ MEET THE OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES
- ✓ INCREASE YOUR SOCIAL ACTIVITY BY VOLUNTEERING YOURSELF FOR AIA EVENTS
- ✓ SHARE YOUR IDEAS & THOUGHTS WITH THE AIA BOARD FOR IMPROVING AIA AND ITS GOALS

SO, IT'S YOUR CALL NOW. WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- CALL ONE OF AIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS LISTED IN THIS WEB SITE
- CONFIRM YOUR WILLINGNESS TO JOIN AIA
- OUR COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST